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Conclusion

For all the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including the amendments set forth above and the additional materials submitted herewith, including the currently amended claims and amended specification, is now in a condition to be allowed. It is therefore respectfully requested that the request for continued examination be granted.

Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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respondent immediately after completion of the questionnaire, as the respondent isn't in fact a real person but a simulated human, called Mike in the Patent Application (Olsen, [0037]).

There is therefore no correlation between Olsen (US 2004/0018477 A1) and the current invention. There is also no possibility for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to anticipate the current invention based on Olsen's application.

RE claim 13:

The previously presented claim used the past perfect tense ("having stored responses") where "stored" is a verb; however the author recognises that this claim could also be read with the word "stored" interpreted as an adjective. As such the claim has been rewritten for clarification purposes.

Olsen describes a system with questions and responses being pre-defined and stored in a computer (Olsen, Abstract; [0053]). A student then has to select one of several pre-defined questions (Olsen, [0037]) to which the computer program responds (Olsen, [0039]). The selected questions and computer generated response are then stored in the computer for future analysis (Olsen, [0113]). In the current invention however, questions are posed to the respondent and the responses are stored.

The current invention takes responses to the first part of the questionnaire, evaluates them and dynamically creates a second set of questions to be answered by the respondent. Olsen, however, describes a tool which allows a student to select questions to ask the computer (Olsen, [0037]), to which the computer responds with pre-programmed answers, which are chosen based on a logical rules-set (Olsen [0018]).

Olsen's invention therefore stores the flow of the programme - consisting of which questions were asked and which responses the computer generated. The current invention, however, asks questions, stores the corresponding results, defines a new set of questions to present and stores the corresponding result.